

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the phrase "or an acrylic based coating" in the last line. The amendment reduces issues on appeal and does not introduce new issues. This amendment is also presented mindful of the conversation with the examiner on December 9, 2004 in which the undersigned understood that deleting the term "an acrylic based coating" from claim 1 would place the application in condition for allowance. The prior art does not teach or suggest claim 1 as amended.

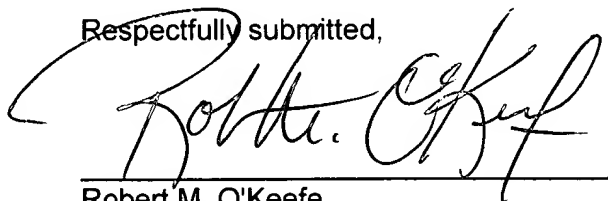
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and Notice of Allowance are courteously solicited.

No extension of time is believed to be needed in connection with the filing of this paper. However, if an extension is deemed to be needed, please consider this paper to be a request for such extension. Should any fees under 37 CFR 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 10-1205/ESSI:005CP1.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. O'Keefe", written over a horizontal line.

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